

the accused into apostasy. " If you obey the Governor/' St. Victor of Galatia was told, "you shall have the title of * Friend of Caesar' and a post in the palace." Theotecnus promised Theodotus of Ancyra " the favour of the Emperors, the highest municipal dignities, and the priesthood of Apollo." The bribe was great, but it was withstood. The steadfast confessor gloried in replying to every fresh taunt, entreaty, or bribe, " I am a Christian/' It was to him the only, as well as the highest argument. Sometimes the kindest-hearted judges were driven to exasperation by their total inability to make the slightest impression upon the Christians. "Do abandon your foolish boasting," said Maximus, the Governor of Cilicia, to Andronicus, " and listen to me as you would listen to your father. Those who have played the madman before you have gained nothing by it. Pay honour to our Princes and our fathers and submit yourself to the gods." " You do well/' came the reply, " to call them your fathers for you are the sons of Satan, the sons of the Devil whose works you perform." A few more remarks: passed between judge and prisoner and then Maximus lost his temper. " I will make you die by inches/' he exclaimed. " I despise," retorted Andronicus, " your threats and your menaces." While an old man of sixty-five was being led to the torture, a friendly centurion said to him, " Have pity on yourself and sacrifice." "Get thee from me minister of Satan," was the reply. The main feeling uppermost in the mind of the confessor was one of exultation that he had been found worthy to